

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
POLLUTION/SITUATION REPORT
BioTech Mills OPA II - Removal Polrep



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
Region II

Subject: POLREP #4
Removal Activities Initiated
BioTech Mills OPA II
Z2BM
Battenville, NY

To:

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Date: 11/10/2015

Reporting Period:

1. Introduction

1.1 Background

Site Number:	Z2BM	Contract Number:	EP-S2-15-02
D.O. Number:	0028	Action Memo Date:	
Response Authority:	OPA	Response Type:	Emergency
Response Lead:	EPA	Incident Category:	Removal Action
NPL Status:	Non NPL	Operable Unit:	oil tank
Mobilization Date:	11/10/2015	Start Date:	10/14/2015
Demob Date:		Completion Date:	
CERCLIS ID:		RCRIS ID:	
ERNS No.:		State Notification:	
FPN#:	E-16201	Reimbursable Account #:	

1.1.1 Incident Category

Threat assessment

1.1.2 Site Description

Partially filled, deteriorated, 10,000 gal capacity #6 oil tank in an abandoned paper converter (toilet paper) mill.

1.1.2.1 Location

The mill and oil tank are located on the north bank of the Battenkill River, a major fishing and recreational waterway that is a tributary of the Hudson River.

1.1.2.2 Description of Threat

The threat is the possibility that oil remaining in the deteriorated tank could be released into the Battenkill River.

1.1.3 Preliminary Removal Assessment/Removal Site Inspection Results

To be determined.

2. Current Activities

2.1 Operations Section

2.1.1 Narrative

2.1.2 Response Actions to Date

NEW INFORMATION IS IN BOLD LETTERS.

Since 2002 there has been one CERCLA PRP oversight removal action, 3 CERCLA Fund-lead removal actions and on OPA removal action performed at this site.

On 10/20/2015 the OSC inspected the #6 oil tank and determined that there is approx. 1,800 gallons of aged product in the tank. The OSC observed that two of the 4 sides of the containment wall have been demolished (collapsed?) and the tank is exposed to any encroaching flood water. As such, the OSC has

determined that the contents of the tank pose a threat of release of petroleum products to a navigable waterway of the U.S.

On 10/26/2015 the Coast Guard's National Pollution Funds Center (NPFC) authorized the expenditure of \$37,000 for remediating the #6 oil in this tank.

On 11/9/15 Task Order #0028 was issued to the ERRS contractor in the amount of \$15,000, along with a Scope of Work to initiate removal activities at the Site.

On 11/10/15 the ERRS contractor visited the site and acquired a sample of #6 oil from the storage tank. The sample was hand-delivered to Safety Kleen, Cohoes NY, for analysis and acceptance.

2.1.3 Enforcement Activities, Identity of Potentially Responsible Parties (PRPs)

There is one PRP, the son of the former owner, now deceased. He has previously demonstrated that he does not have the financial resources necessary to conduct a removal action.

2.1.4 Progress Metrics

<i>Waste Stream</i>	<i>Medium</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Manifest #</i>	<i>Treatment</i>	<i>Disposal</i>
#6 oil	liquid	TBD	n/a	recycling	n/a

2.2 Planning Section

2.2.1 Anticipated Activities

Mobilize the ERRS contractor to the Site and remove/dispose of the contents of the tank.

2.1.1 Planned Response Activities

Inert the tank with nitrogen or carbon dioxide. Conduct interior air monitoring while ERRS cuts an access hole in the end of the tank. The contents of the tank will be vacuumed into an appropriate transport vehicle and disposed of as recycled oil.

2.2.1.2 Next Steps

See above.

2.2.2 Issues

None.

2.3 Logistics Section

No information available at this time.

2.4 Finance Section

No information available at this time.

2.5 Other Command Staff

No information available at this time.

3. Participating Entities

3.1 Unified Command

3.2 Cooperating Agencies

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4. Personnel On Site

No information available at this time.

5. Definition of Terms

No information available at this time.

6. Additional sources of information

No information available at this time.

7. Situational Reference Materials

No information available at this time.